




# Memorandum

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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**Subject:** Community Health Division Monthly Activity Report – March 2026

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## **I. OFFICE OF CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION (OCDPHP)**

### **A. Chronic Disease Prevention Program (CDPP)**

The CDPP staff coordinated **Heart Month** activities to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease and help connect people to resources. February activities included:

- Our annual **Salon Talk** event was held at a BeSHOP partner location, Expertise Cosmetology Institute and held on Go Red for Women Day. The Salon Talk theme was 'Healthy Heart, Healthy Mind, At Every Age' and focused on women's cardiovascular and brain health, featuring healthcare professionals from primary care, brain health, weight management, social work, and internal medicine. Councilwoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong provided opening remarks. Over 30 people participated in the event.
- We also launched a Valentine's Day **"Love Your Heart" media campaign** to promote heart-healthy habits and prevention messaging. The campaign ran on multiple media platforms including social media and digital web banners.
- Our team facilitated **hypertension-focused heart health classes** at two (2) Nevada Hand properties reaching twelve (12) people.
- We partnered with Dignity Health as a guest on the **Healthier Tomorrow radio show** to promote cardiovascular health.
- In addition to our regular blood pressure screening in salons and barbershops, we hosted two (2) special **faith-based blood pressure screening events** with Mountaintop Faith Ministries and Nehemiah Ministries.

CDPP Staff provided **three (3) Diabetes Self-Management, Education & Support (DSMES) classes** in February. Classes were provided in English (virtually and in person) and Spanish reaching a total of 19 participants.

Our team developed and launched new **online Diabetes Prevention Program** in English and Spanish. The online course provides information and education to reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Courses are housed on the Get Healthy (English) and Viva Saludable (Spanish) websites.

Staff presented at the **Native American Fitness Council** meeting at the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe Wellness Center in February. They provided information on chronic disease programs and resources. Approximately 50 people attended the training.

The **Partners for a Healthy Nevada (PHN)** coalition meeting was held in February with 42 people in attendance. Educational presentations on the new Dietary Guidelines for Americans and GLP-1 medications were provided along with partner and advocacy updates. A meeting summary with presentation materials was sent via email to all members.

#### B. **Tobacco Control Program (TCP) Update**

The **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Because We Matter Tobacco Free Living Summit** occurred on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Pearson Community Center. The summit brought together community members, advocates, and experts to address the detrimental effects of tobacco use within the Black community. The summit spotlighted urgent issues shaping public health today, including the youth vaping epidemic, flavored tobacco products, tobacco control policies, and proven cessation resources. A total of 103 people participated. Local media outlets promoted and covered the event.

Staff have developed a new **mass media campaign** to support the SNHD Tobacco Control Program's **Smoke-Free Business Minimum Distance initiative**. The initiative is aimed at encouraging bar and business owners to voluntarily expand their smoke-free policies. As part of this effort, a targeted mailer was created to highlight the benefits of adopting smoke-free environments for both employees and patrons. Mailers were developed and distributed for traditional business and bar owners. A total of 3,564 mailers were sent out to traditional businesses and 300 specifically to bars. As a result, 163 smoke-free signs were requested with 59 businesses expanding or adopting smoke-free policies.

Staff partnered with the **Nevada Tobacco Quitline** to offer free tobacco cessation for all Clark County School District (CCSD) teachers and staff. Cessation promotional materials were developed and distributed to over 40,000 CCSD employees.

Staff participated in the **Market Trends event** on February 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Market Trends is an event hosted by the Nevada Apartment Association that brings together more than 250 attendees to discuss a variety of multi-unit housing issues. This year, SNHD TCP

was able to promote the benefits of smoke-free housing policies with community managers and stakeholders to share the free resources available through the Be Healthy Breathe Easy Live Smoke-Free initiative.

The youth vaping prevention initiative, **BreakDown**, developed a new campaign, **“Love Yourself, Live Vape-Free.”** This campaign promotes vape-free lifestyles while highlighting the impacts of vaping on mental health. As part of this initiative, staff developed a 5-minute training video promoting CredibleMind, a free mental health resource provided by SNHD. This resource is being shared at 30+ outreach events at CCSD public high schools across Southern Nevada this spring semester. To date, more than 25,000 local students have been reached.

**II. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM (OEMSTS)**

**A. Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) Nominating Committee**

The RTAB Nominating Committee is a committee comprised of the Trauma Program Managers and Medical Directors from each authorized trauma center in Clark County, as well as the current Chair of the Medical Advisory Board. They review all received nominations for open seats on the Regional Trauma Advisory Board and vote to select new members.

The March 2026 meeting of the RTAB Nominating Committee reviewed and recommended members for the following open seats: General Public, Health Education and Prevention Services, Legislative Issues/Advocacy, Payors of Medical Benefits for Victims of Trauma, and Public Relations/Media.

**B. OEMSTS – March 2025 / 2026 Data**

March EMS Statistics	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		Mo. Fiscal Average 2025-2026
Total certificates issued	1,085	728	↓	209
New licenses issued	104	75	↓	78
Renewal licenses issued (recert only)	981	653	↓	108
Driver Only	58	62	↑	61
Active Certifications: EMT	886	1,193	↑	1,077
Active Certifications: Advanced EMT	1,843	1,907	↑	1,898
Active Certifications: Paramedic	2,141	2,403	↑	2,268
Active Certifications: RN	78	91	↑	86

### **III. OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS (OPHP)**

#### **A. Planning and Preparedness**

##### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

##### **(Emergency Planning & Preparedness)**

1. Continued review and revision of:
  - a) Community Reception Center
  - b) SNHD Basic EOP
  - c) BioWatch
  - d) Recovery Annex
  - e) Medical Countermeasures Annex
  - f) SNHD Continuity of Operations Plan – Essential Records/Resources
2. SNHD Continuity of Operations Plan
  - a) For the next few months, the COOP working group will be updating the Essential Records/Resources section and tying the essential records to an essential function which will help us prioritize each resource.
  - b) The SNHD Basic EOP has been finalized and approved by Dr. Lockett.
3. State and Local Community Working Group meetings and OPHP Participation
  - a) Monthly State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Public Health Preparedness Strategic Plan Subcommittees (Required Activity under federal grants)
    - i. Resources & Supply Chain Work Group
    - ii. Health Equity Work Group
  - b) Planners attending the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Quarterly Planning meeting.
4. Monthly SNHD Meetings
  - a) Central Safety Committee
  - b) Joint Labor Management Committee
  - c) Policy Committee (Manager)
  - d) Institutional Review Committee
  - e) Resort Emergency Management Working Group

#### **B. Training, Exercises, and Public Health Workforce Development**

##### ***Attended Trainings and Events Activities***

1. An OPHP trainer attended the Southern Nevada Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)/Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System (cUAS) Working Group meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> at LVMPD and the Fusion Center.
2. OPHP participated in the Clark County Office of Sustainability Annual Stakeholder Implementation Workshop on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

##### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. OPHP continues to support the City of Las Vegas with provision of ICS 300/400/G191 training schedule. ICS 300 was provided on March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> for 26 students at the Bureau of Reclamation.

2. A CPR course and skills training was provided March 11<sup>th</sup> for three (3) SNHD staff at the SNHD Decatur location.
3. Our trainer provided a briefing for ALERRT Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) to 30 EH Solid Waste staff on March 5<sup>th</sup> at the SNHD Decatur location.
4. OPHP trainers presented Foundation of Emergency Management modules to 25 students attending the first week at the National Emergency Management Basic Academy at the Clark County Fire Station 18/Administration Building on March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

***Upcoming Training and Exercise Events***

1. Trainers continue to update the training calendar for 2026 course offerings to include Introduction to Radiological/Nuclear WMD Operations AWR-140, ALERRT Civilian Response to Active Assailant, Response to Bombing Incidents and ICS Position Specific Training.
2. Our planners continue efforts for the SNHD Radiation Game which will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. OPHP Planners continues work in preparation for the Bio Functional Exercise Initial Planning Meeting scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.
4. Our Manager, Supervisor, and Planner are working with Desert Research Institute and other jurisdictional partners to conduct an Extreme Heat TTX scheduled for May 2026.
5. The OPHP Trainer will present at the Science of Disaster module in support of National Emergency Management Basic Academy during the second week, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the ARMOUR Training Center.

**C. Southern Nevada Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (SNHPC)**

***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. SNHPC held its monthly meeting. Supervisor, Senior Planners, and Planners attended.
2. OPHP Planners attended the Emergency Management Committee meetings for UMC.
3. Our Senior Planners, Planners, Clinical Advisor, and Trainer will begin reviewing and updating the Information Sharing Plan, Med Surge Support Plan, Recovery Plan, and Resource Management Plan.
4. The Senior Planner, Planner & Clinical Advisor with input from SNHPC members, completed the Cybersecurity and Extended Downtime Health Care Delivery Impact assessments.
5. OPHP assembled MCI bags for the EDs to support MCI surge. Bags will be distributed at the April meeting.
6. Our planners attended the Dignity Health - St. Rose Dominican, Rose de Lima and Sienna, Emergency Operations Committee meetings on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

***New/Upcoming Activities***

1. Ongoing coordination for the 2026 TEEEX trainings:
  - a) Medical Management of Chemical, Biological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) Events PER-211 August 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, hosted by City of North Las Vegas (NLV City Hall).
  - b) Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Management MGT-439 October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Dignity Health Sienna Campus.

2. SNHD Office of Communications/Public Information presentation remains on agenda for July SNHPC meeting.
3. The Cybersecurity healthcare presentation by a CISA representative at the SNHP meeting will be rescheduled later this year due to Federal Government shutdown.

#### **D. PHP Technician and N-95 Fit Testing**

1. Twenty-one SNHD Employees were FIT tested for personal protective equipment during the month of March.

#### **E. Fusion Center Public Health Analyst**

##### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. Disseminated public health Information between SNHD and the Southern Nevada Counter Terrorism Center (SNCTC) in March.
2. Analyst provided public health input for threat assessments on special events of local significance including conventions and sports events.
3. Monthly, our analyst continues to provide weekly verbal public health briefings during the SNCTC collaboration meetings.
4. The OPHP analysts continue to participate in weekly Counter Terrorism Analytic Group (CTAG) meetings.
5. Our analyst continues to develop appropriate connections to increase communication between SNHD, SNCTC and its partner organizations.
6. Collaborating with five (5) surrounding fusion centers on areas of public health concern for production of monthly joint public health bulletins.
7. The OPHP Analyst contributes to a public health section to the Nevada Annual Threat Assessment.

#### **F. Grants and Administration**

##### ***Ongoing/Continuing Activities***

1. The manager continues to monitor grant deliverables and budgets for FY 2026 with the State of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH).
2. Our manager continues to represent the Community Health Division management on various SNHD working group committees and initiatives.
3. The OPHP Manager and Supervisor completed FTE worksheets and budgets for FY2027.
4. OPHP Manager continues to reduce physical inventory of miscellaneous stockpiled preparedness resources and transfer of excess grant purchased surplus property to community partners for use.
5. Office Manager, Supervisor and Senior Planners attended the Partners' Meeting.
6. FY2027 scopes of work were completed and submitted to DPBH.

#### **G. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Southern Nevada**

1. MRC Coordinator attended the SNHPC meeting, NEPA Summit, planned training and activities for upcoming months, sent out newsletters, and continued to recruit and deactivate volunteers.
2. The MRC Volunteers provided blood pressure checks and distributed preparedness information at the Black Family Wellness Expo at West Preparatory Academy.

**MRC Volunteer Hours FY2026 Q2**

Activity	January	February	March
Training	38		
Community Event			12
SNHD Clinic			
Emergency Deployment			
<b>FY2026 Total Hours</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>FY2026 Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$1,322.02</b>		<b>\$480.66</b>
<b>FY2025 Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>FY2025 Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$1,205.64</b>	<b>\$300.98</b>	<b>\$267.06</b>

Source: Department of Labor Economic Value Calculator for medical volunteers. For general volunteer help, which is most of the time, the Independent Sector calculates the value of volunteer time and publishes it each year. Current amount is \$34.79. <https://independentsector.org/research/value-of-volunteer-time/>(Economic impact rates updated April 2025):

**IV. VITAL RECORDS**

- A. March is currently showing a **29% decrease in birth certificate** sales in comparison to March 2025. **Death certificate** sales are currently showing a **10% decrease** in comparison to March 2025. SNHD received revenues of \$29,354 for birth registrations, \$25,155 for death registrations; and an additional \$7,631 in miscellaneous fees. **\*The reduction in birth certificate sales is not driven by a decrease in volume but is attributable to staffing limitations.**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH Vital Statistics Program – Fiscal Year Data**

Vital Statistics Services	Mar	Mar		Yr Average
	2025	2026		03/2025-03/2026
Births Registered	1,887	2,207	↑	1,992
Deaths Registered	1,880	1,866	↓	1,772
Fetal Deaths Registered	15	19	↑	15

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		Yr Average 03/2025- 03/2026
<b>Vital Statistics Services</b>				
Birth Certificates Sold (walk-in)	3	1	↓	11
Birth Certificates Mail	112	131	↑	112
Birth Certificates Online Orders	4,800	3,223	↓	3,828
Birth Certificates Billed	74	152	↑	114
<b>Birth Certificates Number of Total Sales</b>	4,989	3,507	↓	4,065
Death Certificates Sold (walk-in)	9	21	↑	17
Death Certificates Mail	230	186	↓	159
Death Certificates Online Orders	7,947	8,789	↑	7,805
Death Certificates Billed	46	45	↓	47
<b>Death Certificates Number of Total Sales</b>	8,232	9,041	↑	8,028

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		Yr Average 03/2025- 03/2026
<b>Revenue</b>				
Birth Certificates (\$25)	\$124,725	\$87,675	↓	\$101,630
Death Certificates (\$25)	\$205,800	\$226,025	↑	\$200,709
Births Registrations (\$13)	\$43,199	\$29,354	↓	\$34,173
Deaths Registrations (\$13)	\$24,060	\$25,155	↑	\$22,799
Convenience Fee (\$2)	\$9,628	\$6,962	↓	\$631
Miscellaneous Admin	\$790	\$669	↓	\$7,807
<b>Total Vital Records Revenue</b>	\$408,202	\$375,840	↓	\$367,749

**COMMUNITY HEALTH Passport Program – Fiscal Year Data**

**B. PASSPORT SERVICES** – Passport Services is appointment only.

	Mar 2025	Mar 2026		Yr Average 03/2025- 03/2026
<b>Applications</b>				
Passport Applications	810	933	↑	725
<b>Revenue</b>				
Passport Execution/Acceptance fee (\$35)	\$28,350	\$32,655	↑	\$25,393

## **V. HEALTH EQUITY**

### **Health Equity Program – March Highlights**

The Health Equity Program continues to strengthen community partnerships and collaborations aimed at increasing the capacity of local communities to address health disparities.

#### **Key Activities in March:**

1. **Youth Advisory Council (YAC - SPARK)**
  - A. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, SNHD's Youth Advisory Council SPARK (Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility & Knowledge) completed their eleventh meeting. The focus of this in-person meeting was a presentation on the functions of the Division of Public Health & Preventive Care.
2. **Health Disparities and Health Inequities Workgroup**
  - A. March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Health Equity team implemented a staff training workshop focused on Health Disparities and Health Inequities.
3. **Organizational Health Literacy Workshop**
  - A. March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Health Equity team implemented a staff training workshop focused on Organizational Health Literacy.

## **VI. SOUTHERN NEVADA PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (SNPHL)**

### **A. Clinical Testing: Key Updates**

#### **1. SNHD Nursing Division Support**

SNPHL provides laboratory services to the SNHD Nursing Division, including:

- a) Molecular and microbiological culture testing
- b) Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) diagnostics

#### **2. STD Surveillance and Testing**

SNPHL collaborates with the SNHD STD Department in the following activities:

- a) Participation in the CDC's Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) and the enhanced GISP (eGISP).
- b) Performing NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) and culture testing for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* isolates, which are submitted to reference laboratories for antimicrobial susceptibility testing.
- c) Participation in eGISP Part B to expand culture-independent testing for antimicrobial resistance genes in gonococcal isolates.
- d) A detailed breakdown of monthly sample volumes provided on the accompanying table (RPR - Rapid Plasma Reagin):

Test Name	March 2026 Count	Avg Year to Date
GC Cultures	25	24
NAAT NG/CT	1,635	1,596
Syphilis	784	720
RPR/RPR Titers*	126/47	126/46
Hepatitis Total	2,492	2,342
HIV/differentiated	680/17	638/17
HIV RNA	122	130

\*= RPR / RPR Titers refer to tests used to screen for and monitor syphilis; RPR = Rapid Plasma Reagin

**3. COVID-19 Testing Operations**

- a) SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing is performed exclusively on the KingFisher Flex platform exclusively.
- b) SNPHL maintains a testing capacity of 2,000 tests per day, with a turnaround time (TAT) of less than 48 hours.
- c) In March, the average daily testing volume was nine (9) samples, with an average TAT of 48 hours from collection to report release.
- d) IT enhancements include streamlined patient accession and direct report verification from SNPHL’s Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) into the SNHD patient portal.
- e) High-throughput automation has been incorporated, including the Eppendorf 5073 specimen fluid handling station.

A detailed summary of COVID-19 testing volumes and performance metrics provided in the accompanying table:

Month	# PCR & NAAT/#POS	Month	# PCR & NAAT/#POS
January	359/13	July	
February	298/11	August	
March	173/5	September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December	



Vibrio	Vibrio ID	2	0	0										2
	Vibrio Screen	3	0	1										4
Yersinia	Yersinia Culture/ID	0	1	1										2

**B. Epidemiological Testing and Consultation - Key Updates:**

**1. Outbreak Investigation Committee Participation**

SNPHL actively participates in the SNHD Outbreak Investigation Committee and the Foodborne Illness Taskforce. There were no gastrointestinal (GI) outbreak sample received for investigation in March.

**2. Influenza Surveillance Reporting**

SNPHL continues to report influenza testing results to the CDC’s National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS). In March, SNPHL performed 42 respiratory panel tests using the BioFire platform.

**C. Emergency response and reportable disease isolate testing report - Key Activities and Capabilities:**

**1. Reportable Disease Isolate Testing and Confirmation**

SNPHL performs reportable disease isolate testing and confirmation. Isolates submitted by local laboratories are serotyped and/or confirmed by Whole Genome Sequencing; stored on-site; and results reported and/or samples submitted to CDC through various national programs; Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS), National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System (NARMS), and Influenza Surveillance, and PulseNet Bacterial Outbreak Surveillance.

**2. Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) Validation**

SNPHL is clinically validated to use WGS for the identification of *Campylobacter* species (select species), pathogenic *Escherichia coli*, and *Salmonella* species. SNPHL is also validated for the determination of *Salmonella* serotypes and STEC (Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli*) serotypes and Shiga toxin genes.

**3. PulseNet Surveillance**

In March 2026, SNPHL performed 17 Whole Genome Sequencing tests (WGS) as part of the PulseNet Foodborne Outbreak Surveillance program.

**4. Bacterial Isolate Screening**

Using the Bruker MALDI-TOF instrument for streamlined screening of bacterial isolates. A total identified 245 bacterial organisms in March.

**5. SARS-CoV-2 Sequencing**

SNPHL is validated for sequencing SARS-CoV-2 and variants of concern, through the identification of lineages and clades.

- a) Current capacity: up to 96 SARS-CoV-2-positive RNA extracts per week
- b) March 2026: six (6) SARS-CoV-2-positive RNA extracts sequenced.

6. **Legionella Surveillance**

SNPHL collaborates with Environmental Health and Veritas Labs for Legionella surveillance. Monthly isolate counts for 2026 are as follows:

2026	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Legionella	39	45	83									

7. **Vector-Borne Disease Testing**

SNPHL provides viral testing for Zika, West Nile Virus (WNV), Western Equine Encephalitis, and Saint Louis Encephalitis.

- a) A total of 261 mosquito pool samples were tested in March.
- b) In March no WNV-positive mosquito pool was identified.
- c) Results were communicated to Environmental Health and subsequently released to the public.

8. **Gonococcal Isolation Surveillance Program (GISP/eGISP)**

In March, SNPHL collected 23 clinical isolates:

- a) *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*: eight (8) isolates
  - b) *Neisseria meningitidis*: one (1) isolate
- These will be sent to regional labs or the CDC for antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST). Remnant NAATs (NAAT - Nucleic Acid Amplification Test) or *N. gonorrhoeae* samples will be submitted to the CDC for molecular-based AST under eGISP Part B.

9. **C. auris PCR Screening**

SNPHL performed 1,625 Real-Time PCR screenings for *Candida auris* in March 2026.

D. **All-Hazards Preparedness:**

1. **Coordination with First Responder Training**

SNPHL collaborates on training and exercises with first responder agencies including the Civil Support Team, HazMat units, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

2. **Laboratory Packaging and Shipping Guidance**

SNPHL offers guidance to local laboratorians on CDC protocols for packaging and shipping infectious substances, including chain of custody procedures.

3. **Onsite Training for Long-Term Care Facilities**

SNPHL provided onsite training for long-term care facilities on the use of COVID-19 online ordering applications.

4. **Monkeypox Biosafety Guidance**

Biosafety guidance was supplied to sentinel sites in response to Monkeypox surveillance and containment efforts.

5. **Vaccination Support for Laboratory Staff**  
SNPHL facilitated Monkeypox and bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccinations for laboratory personnel.
6. **Ongoing Biosafety Training for SNPHL Staff**  
The laboratory continues to provide perpetual biosafety training and updated guidance to SNPHL personnel.
7. **Training After Equipment Upgrade**  
The BSL-3 staff after having been trained and started using the double door autoclave and in the existing BSL-3 laboratory in March 2026.

E. **March 2026 SNPHL Activity Highlights:**

1. **COVID-19 Testing Supplies and Reagent Forecast**  
SNPHL has maintained a consistent supply of Viral Transport Medium (VTM) for COVID-19 collection kits, even following the cessation of ELC COVID funding.
2. **Facility Infrastructure and Equipment Calibration**  
The Phoenix Controls company came to solve the IP address and test the integrated system adjustment for the installation of the onsite monitor computer and network connection on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. This enables facility staff and Sunbelt Control employees to manage and modify the airflow, pressure, and temperature remotely or onsite.
3. **Genomic Surveillance – SARS-CoV-2**  
WGS and genomic data analysis indicate that the Omicron variant XFG lineage was the dominant strain among samples received in March. SNPHL will continue sequencing close-contact samples to support ongoing investigations by the Office of Disease Surveillance (ODS).
4. **Influenza Surveillance**  
The current influenza surveillance season showed that A/H3 and B/Victoria are major subtypes of influenza.
5. **Avian Influenza Surveillance**  
SNPHL participates in the CDC's Avian Influenza Surveillance Project by distributing testing guidance and specimen collection procedures to local hospitals via the Health Alert Network (HAN). Any ICU patients testing positive for Influenza A, are required to submit specimens for subtyping to rule out avian influenza. No suspected avian flu samples were received in March.
6. **Expansion Planning: Facility**  
The new design may focus on building BSL-3 and Micro lab on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and leaving semi shell for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in the Phase I project. Drain system construction for the new two-floor, 6,400-square-foot-per-floor BSL-3 laboratory began in February 2026, with ground soil processing underway and an expected completion date of July 2027.
7. **Expansion Planning: BSL-3 Equipment**  
SNPHL commenced collaboration with the Facilities team to acquire laboratory equipment and IT accessories for the new laboratory building, utilizing State Public Health funding. The construction contract for the building will include the purchasing and installation of a double door autoclave and pass-through windows.

**8. Expanded Clinical Testing Services**

New additional test items for clinical chemistry, hematology and urinalysis have formally opened the service for FQHC and DPP division. The SNPHL website of test menu has been updated and added those new additional tests

**9. Completion of Genotypic validation**

Genotypic validation is complete for NG-TEST Carba-5; GeneXpert/Carba-R procurement and Sensititre AST validation are underway. State CLIA inspection is expected in late April 2026. *C. auris* screening (400 samples/week) maintains a 9% positivity rate. AST turnaround is 4 – 5 days, with 8 Rezafungin non-susceptible isolates identified since September 2025.

**F. COMMUNITY HEALTH – SNPHL – Calendar Year Data**

March SNPHL Services	2025	2026	
Clinical Testing Services <sup>1</sup>	6,456	6,681	↑
Epidemiology Services <sup>2</sup>	324	419	↑
State Branch Public Health Laboratory Services <sup>3</sup>	0	0	=
All-Hazards Preparedness Services <sup>4</sup>	6	8	↑
Environmental Health Services <sup>5</sup>	0	344	↑

<sup>1</sup> Includes N. Gonorrhoeae culture, GISP isolates, Syphilis, HIV, CT/GC molecular, Gram stain testing, and COVID Ab immunologic tests.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Stool culture, EIA, Norovirus PCR, Respiratory Pathogen PCR, Epidemiological investigations, or consultations.

<sup>3</sup> Includes COVID PCR, WGS, and LRN testing, proficiency samples, reporting to CDC, courier services, infectious substance shipments, teleconferences, training, presentations and inspections, samples submitted to CDC or other laboratories' submissions.

<sup>4</sup> Includes Preparedness training, teleconferences, and Inspections.

<sup>5</sup> Includes vector testing.